Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/054,269	SEIDEL ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Peter Szekely	1714
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2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>2,3,7,9,10,16 and 17</u> .	•	
3. The drawings filed on are accepted by the Examine	r.	
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	<u>=</u>	Patent Application (PTO-152)
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art, Ishihata et al. 6,362,269, does not disclose the gel content f the graft base.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter Szekely whose telephone number is (571) 272-1124. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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